

## Fighting Flames In Record Time; Thrilling Drill



MISS LENA F. BELT, Daughter of Fire Chief Belt, Who Turned in the Fire Drill Alarm Today.

Engine No. 14 on Scene Within 58 Seconds After Alarm Was Turned in by Miss Lena Belt, Chief's Daughter.

In fifty-eight seconds after Miss Lena Belt, daughter of Fire Chief Belt, turned in the alarm from box 124, Seventh and Pennsylvania avenue, this morning, the apparatus from station No. 14 was upon the scene, and one of the most spectacular and exciting fire drills in the history of the department had begun. The drill was witnessed by about 5,000 persons, including nearly half a hundred fire chiefs from all parts of the country now in convention in Washington.

The drill was under the direct supervision of Chief Belt and Assistant Chiefs Wagner, Keeler, and Henry. Chief Wagner arrived on the scene in forty-eight seconds, and was followed ten seconds later by engine and wagon No. 14. Within three minutes from the alarm several streams of water were playing upon the imaginary fire amid the cheers of the assembled multitude.

**Record Runs Made.**  
Record runs from all parts of the city were made by the various engines, all of them making time proportionately as quick as that made by No. 14. The firemen west of Seventh street dashed down Pennsylvania avenue until the intersection of Seventh street and the two avenues was reached.

Those from the east came on a gallop down the Louisiana avenue hill, took their places without a moment's delay and within a moment after the arrival of the last engine, twenty-four streams of water ascended skyward. The entire drill was arranged with the utmost precision, and no time was lost, the firemen working as quickly and as energetically as though the safety of the entire city depended upon the immediate action.

**Order of Arrivals.**  
The order in which the respective companies rushed to the alarm box, where Chief Belt and many of the visiting fire chiefs had congregated, was as follows:

No. 14, engine and wagon; No. 16, No. 8, No. 3, No. 1, No. 13, truck No. 2, truck No. 1, truck No. 4, water tower from No. 14.  
The hose wagons assumed positions facing the east, and immediately after the seven engines assumed positions around the fountain at the foot of Louisiana avenue, the chug-clug of the engines, the drawn "bills" of fifty policemen, and the scampering of the more adventurous of the assembled thousands, gave the scene every appearance of a metropolitan fire.

The steady streams of water from twenty-four hoses were maintained for about ten minutes, during which time the crowds gazed in rapt admiration from every point of vantage in the vicinity. Trees, house tops, and department store windows were lined with clerks, small boys, and veterans, all of whom were given an excellent opportunity of judging the combined strength of the companies. Chief Belt and his assistants hustled about below giving orders here and there which resulted in new records being made by the gallant fire lads.

**Chief Belt Congratulated.**  
Chief Belt was frequently surrounded by groups of visiting fire chiefs, who came to extend congratulations upon the perfect manner in which the drill was being conducted. He seemed especially gratified by the quick time made by No. 14 in reaching the scene in fifty-eight seconds after the alarm was sounded by Miss Belt.

"You can say for me," said the chief, "that not a horse was hitched nor was there any preparation for the alarm whatever, other than the readiness in which firemen are always held. The test alarm came just as a real fire alarm would, and I consider the time made remarkable."  
No. 14 engine house is situated on Eighth street, between D and E.

Following the drill of the combined companies streams were played by the individual engines, and this was followed by individual exhibits by the water tower engine, the hook and ladder trucks, and a number of exhibits of various fire-fighting apparatus in use in different cities.

**Patent Hose Used.**  
One of the more interesting of these was the patent Paradox hose in use by the Philadelphia department, which is especially adapted for ground work, and consists of a special contrivance for holding the hose steady with the aid of but one fireman. The exhibitors claim that the contrivance will stand a pressure of 300 pounds. Ladder climbing by the aid of the Lovett fire belt, in use in Louisville, Chicago, and other cities, comprised another interesting exhibit.

The entire exhibition consumed nearly two hours and was witnessed by an immense crowd which almost blocked

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## AUTO HITS CONVENTION DELEGATE

L. M. Blackford, of the Alexandria Episcopal School, Victim.

Had Prominent Place in House of Deputies.

Members Adjourn When Critical Condition Is Learned.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 9.—L. M. Blackford, president of the Episcopal High School of Alexandria, Va., and a delegate to the Episcopal convention now in session here, was run over by an automobile today, and is in a critical condition at Memorial Hospital. It is feared his injuries will prove fatal.

Mr. Blackford has been one of the most conspicuous members of the convention, and did much of the preliminary work in anticipation of the meeting. He was crossing the street this morning on his way to the meeting of the house of deputies, when a touring car turned the corner. Mr. Blackford did not see the automobile.

Run Over by Machine.

He was thrown to the street, and the machine went over him. The chauffeur stopped the car quickly, and the injured man was placed in it and hurried to Memorial Hospital. The attending physicians this afternoon declared Mr. Blackford to be in a critical condition. He died profusely from wounds in his head, but soon recovered consciousness. The physicians think he will recover.

What the news of the accident was brought to the house of deputies that body suspended its sessions, and prayers were offered for the recovery of Mr. Blackford.

The automobile is owned by R. C. Freyn, of Albany, a delegate to the convention. Bishop Coakley Nelson, of Albany, was seated by Mr. Freyn. Later Mr. Freyn and his chauffeur, J. H. Foster, were put under arrest, they having failed to secure a license for the machine. They were released on bail to appear at police court tomorrow.

Mr. Blackford's Career.

Mr. Blackford has been principal of the Episcopal High School at Alexandria, Va., since 1870. He is seventy years old and a native of Fredericksburg. He received his early education in Lynchburg, but later attended the University of Virginia, from which institution he graduated in 1890.

In 1884 he married Miss Eliza Chew Ambler, of Virginia. He was a member of the Rockbridge Artillery, a clerk of the military court in Longstreet's corps, an adjutant of the Twenty-fourth Virginia Infantry, with General Lee's army, serving under that distinguished officer until the close of the war. He was associate principal of Norwood School, of Nelson county, Va., from 1885 to 1890.

Mrs. Blackford, who was at her home in Alexandria, left for Richmond immediately after receiving news of the accident.

## REPORT FIFTEEN DEAD IN ALABAMA TORNADO

LEEDS, Ala., Oct. 8.—Fifteen persons are believed to have been killed by a tornado reported near here. The property loss is said to have been enormous. All wires are down, and it will probably be some time before details are received.

A number of persons were injured, and the firemen, through lack of a sufficient water supply for a time, had an unusually hard fight with the flames. It was the fifth serious car barn fire sustained within a year by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

## MILLION DOLLAR THANK OFFERING BASINS OF GOLD AND BILLS GIVEN BY EPISCOPALIANS; ALL CHURCH RECORDS BROKEN



BISHOP TUTTLE, Who Presided at the Convention Today.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN, Who Contributed \$100,000 at the Thank Offering of the Episcopal Convention.

BISHOP GIBSON, Who Assisted in Taking the Record-Breaking Thank Offering.

## FLAMES SWEEP N. Y. CAR BARN; \$500,000 LOSS

Thousands of Homeless Persons Panic-Stricken in New York Streets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—More than 5,000 persons were driven out of their homes early today by flames that swept through the car barns at Fourteenth street and Avenue B, threatening for a time the destruction of several blocks of tenement houses.

The fire caused a loss of \$500,000, destroying 125 trolley cars and practically putting out of service for a time all the crosstown street car lines and horse cars in the lower half of the city.

**Tenants Panic-Stricken.**  
Series of explosions as the fire licked along electric wires, bursts of many-colored flames, showers of burning embers scattered far and wide by a fierce wind and the falling walls, one of which crashed in the upper floors of a tenement house, caused a panic-stricken stampede in all the thickly populated tenements of the neighborhood, and filled the streets with a mass of frightened people.

The walls of the building, 521 East Fourteenth street, caved in just after the building had been cleared of its dwellers. Giovanni Servino, his wife, and six children got safely to the street, when suddenly they discovered that their eighteen-month-old baby, Nicola, was forgotten on the top floor. Several policemen tried to get into the building, but were kept back by falling bricks. Finally Peter Mooney, a fireman, scaled the fire-escape and found the child sleeping soundly in a chair.

**Horses Run in Streets.**  
While the excited people were dragging out trunks and household effects, more than 400 frightened horses, freed from the burning barns, galloped through the streets, their hoofs threatening injury to the terrified and the temporarily homeless throng.

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Advices from Senor Zeballos, minister of foreign affairs of Argentina, to Charge d'Affaires Julian E. Portela, confirm reports of a miniature revolution there. Inquiry by the Spanish government elicited the information that natives of the province of Corrientes had taken possession of several towns in the vicinity.

The regular federal troops, complying with the severe orders received from President Alcora, prevented the local armed bands of the province from interrupting the order. Says Senor Zeballos, "Political differences between the natives was responsible for the clash. It is thought tranquility will be speedily re-established since Special National Commissioner Senator Perez has arrived in the disturbed district."

## SNAKES SLAIN BY ROOSEVELT, BEAR EXPECTED

WIVES OF RICH AMERICANS FOLLOW EXAMPLE SET BY ANNA HELD.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Oct. 8.—President Roosevelt's first prey on his great bear hunt was a pair of rattlesnakes. Ben Lilley, the great bear hunter, skinned them, and with other trophies of the hunt, the skins will hang in the White House.

The hunters yesterday jumped two bears and two wild cats. Trails were followed all day, but no game was killed. Will Coon, colored, killed a fine buck yesterday and another was killed this morning.

The rainfall will probably keep the trails in fine condition from now on. STAMBOUL, La., Oct. 8.—President Roosevelt was ready to take the trail early today. The rain that kept him from hunting yesterday had ceased this morning.

The President was up at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning, but the rain kept falling until noon, and the chase was abandoned. Several reports of bear in the vicinity have been received.

**JOHN BARRETT LEAVES FOR PHILADELPHIA**

John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of the American Republics, left this morning for Philadelphia, to participate in a reception to be given in honor of Prof. L. S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania. Prof. Rowe has just returned from South America, where he has been studying educational, social, commercial, and industrial conditions in different republics.

At the reception, Mr. Barrett will make a speech on the relations between the Latin-American countries and the United States. Director Barrett has also accepted an invitation from the Board of Trade, of Newark, N. J., before which he will deliver an address on South America. Mr. Barrett will return to Washington Friday evening.

**A Little Story**  
A group of men were talking in Bury's pharmacy, Anacostia, not long ago. Noticing the sign, "Times Want Ads—Received Here," one said: "I wonder if one really does get results from want advertising?" "I'll tell you a little story," said another. "Some time ago I had a horse to sell. I tried the stables and auction houses and every place I knew, but there was 'nothing doing.' Then some one told me to advertise. I put a little fifteen-word ad in The Times and in three days I had sold the horse for cash at a good price. Looks something like results, doesn't it?"

## WEALTHY WOMEN NON-RESIDENTS TO AVOID DUTY

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NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—In order to escape annoyance and expense, a constantly increasing number of New York society women and others who spend much time abroad are declaring themselves foreign residents when they enter the customs gates at this port. In this they are following the example of Anna Held, the actress, who, upon her arrival from Europe in August, evaded payment upon a score of trunks containing wearing apparel.

Among those who have recently taken advantage of the non-resident act are Mrs. James Speyer, wife of the banker; Mrs. Florence R. Bache, wife of Jules S. Bache, broker; and Mrs. Cora P. Kessler, wife of George Kessler, the wine merchant.

**Free Entry.**  
Paragraph 67 of the Dingley tariff act provides for free entry of "wearing apparel, articles of personal adornment, toilet articles, and similar personal effects of persons arriving in the United States. But this exemption shall only include such articles as actually accompany and are in the use of such persons." Non-residents are designated as "persons who have been abroad with a fixed foreign abode for one year or more and persons who have been abroad for two years with or without a foreign abode."

It was said yesterday at the office of John M. Bishop, special deputy surveyor, that Mrs. Speyer, Mrs. Bache, and Mrs. Kessler declared themselves non-residents and that their declarations were found to be strictly within the letter and spirit of the law.

**Port Collector Not "Wise."**  
Henry C. Stuart, acting collector of the port, said that if women were thus evading the payment of duty he was ignorant of the identity of the persons concerned.

At his office, 42 Broadway, Jules Bache said: "My wife may have declared herself a non-resident, but I had not heard of it. For the past four years we have had a permanent residence in Paris, and Mrs. Bache spends a good deal of her time there. She could very justly be termed a non-resident, and some obliging customs official may have told her to take advantage of the fact."

Mr. Speyer sent word through his secretary that the story was not true. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler have been in Europe several months.

**RHONE VALLEY FLOODED; FARMS SUFFER GREATLY**  
LYONS, France, October 8.—Heavy rains continuing for two days have caused the Rhone river to rise alarmingly. It is over its banks for miles, and great damage has already been caused, while it is feared even worse loss will be inflicted. Throughout the whole valley rains and floods have wrought great havoc.

Railway communications have been broken at ten points on the main line between here and Valence.

J. Pierpont Morgan Contributes \$100,000 for Diocese.

Detectives Guard Treasure Silently Offered by Churchmen.

300th Anniversary Celebrated With Special Ceremonies.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 9.—A million dollars contained in bags and bundles tied with American colors or streaming purple ribbons, and filling the huge collection basins, was given as a thank offering at the men's communion service of the Episcopal convention at Holy Trinity Church here this morning. Bags of gold and large rolls of bank notes were dropped into the basins from all parts of the church, while many envelopes contained the personal checks of the donors.

**Treasure Guarded.**  
It was in utter silence that the collection was taken, and thirty policemen and detectives, scattered throughout the church, guarded the treasure. Seventy-seven dioceses contributed.

The offertory thanksgiving hymn after this, the largest collection in the history of the church, was the shout of triumph.

The occasion of the offering is the 300th anniversary of the American church, and it was decided that the churchmen of America should thus express their thanksgiving for three centuries of primitive Christianity on this continent.

A preliminary condition was that the offering should be over and above all the usual contributions of the church, a special effort, in no way to interfere with the apportionment to either church or board of missions, or the parochial expenses of the congregation.

**Two \$100,000 Gifts.**  
J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, and George C. Thomas, of Philadelphia, each gave \$100,000 through their dioceses, and there were other gifts ranging down from \$50,000 to \$1,000, but the principal of the committee has been so far as possible in the time allotted to secure a contribution from every man and boy in the church as far as he was able to contribute. The demand has been for men first and for money secondarily.

**Holy Communion.**  
At 8 o'clock this morning in Holy Trinity Church, where the general convention opened a service with holy communion was held, led by the presiding bishop, Bishop Tuttle, assisted by Bishops Greer, of New York, chairman of the thank offering committee, and Bishop Gibson, of Virginia. Those assisting at the sacrament of the communion will be Bishop Brent, of the Philippines; the Rev. Dr. Lloyd, secretary of the board of missions; the Rev. Mr. Hulce, secretary of the thank offering committee, and the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, rector of the church.

Today will be a full convention day, and among the principal events will be: 10 a. m.—Meeting of both houses of general convention; business session. 10 a. m.—Woman's Auxiliary, Masonic Temple. Introduction of missionaries to members of the Woman's Auxiliary. 10:30 a. m.—Woman's Auxiliary in Masonic Temple. The Auxiliary and the Board's Enterprise, a book by Mr. W. Wood, corresponding secretary of the board of missions. 11 a. m.—Convention adjourns for luncheon. 1:30 p. m.—Daily luncheon at Masonic Temple for members of convention. 3 p. m.—Meeting of both houses of general convention. Business session.

**Mass Meeting.**  
At 8 o'clock tonight will occur the climax, a great mass meeting in the city auditorium, with addresses by Bishops Greer, Feterkin, and Randolph, and by Messrs. Pepper and Thomas, of the committee. At the close of the meeting an announcement will be made by Mr. Thomas of the total amount of the thank offering and of the number of individual contributors, if that can be compiled in time.

**Discussion of Canons.**  
Discussion of the amendments on canons occupied the early part of this morning's session. Mr. Lewis, of Pennsylvania, made a

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

The temperature has fallen decidedly in Atlantic coast districts north of the Carolinas, with heavy frost in the Ohio valley, the lower lake region, and portions of the middle Atlantic States. The temperature will rise tonight and Thursday in Atlantic coast districts, with generally fair weather, except in New York, where rain is probable Thursday. Rain is also probable in the lower lake region and the upper Ohio valley.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light northwesterly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

**TEMPERATURE.**  
9 a. m. 50  
12 noon 48  
1 p. m. 47

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun sets today 5:31  
Sun rises tomorrow 6:04

**TIDE TABLE.**  
High water today 9:20 p. m.  
Low water today 3:30 p. m.  
High water tomorrow 9:55 a. m., 10:10 p. m.  
Low water tomorrow 4:10 a. m., 4:15 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Potomac little muddy; Shenandoah steady.

## \$5--The Sunday Times Problem--\$5

THE SUNDAY TIMES OFFERS A CASH PRIZE OF \$5.00 TO THE PERSON SUBMITTING THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE FOLLOWING PROBLEM:

A man having ten coins found he was unable to change a single piece of money.

After borrowing three silver coins, he changed a certain coin, returned three silver coins to the man from whom he had borrowed, and then had three coins, of the same denomination, left.

What coins did he have at first, what coins did he borrow, what did he change, what coins did he return, and what did he have left?

All coins were in common circulation.

Address The Problem Editor,  
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